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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Koichi MIZUGAKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2818

Application No.: 09/976,021

Examiner: H. Hoang

Filed: October 15, 2001

Docket No.: 110827

For: ACTIVATION OF WORD LINES IN SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the May 11, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the references submitted with the April 21, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement, by initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449 submitted therewith. For the Examiner's convenience, copies of the April 21, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form-1449 and PTO date-stamped receipt thereto are enclosed herein.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 8 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8 of U.S. Patent 6,545,943. A Terminal Disclaimer is filed herein to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-8 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-8 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Terminal Disclaimer  
Copies of April 21, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement,  
Form PTO-1449 and PTO Date-Stamped Receipt

Date: August 9, 2004

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